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**2007 DCP SIGNUP**

We are still taking appointments to enroll farms in the last year of the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) under the current farm bill. We will print the contracts prior to your arrival in order to make your visit as brief as possible. **When you call to schedule your appointment, please let us know if you have any changes to your farming interests or payment entity so we can print them correctly.** We are also reviewing your eligibility papers for accuracy, so you may have to complete and sign new eligibility papers if they're not accurate. The June 1 deadline to enroll has been extended to August 3, 2007.

**ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE**

Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program. **August 1 is the final date to certify spring seeded crops and CRP.** NAP acreages must be certified by August 1, or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing.

**FARM RECORD CHANGES**

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at your local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Program participants must furnish their tax ID numbers to earn payments. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in the farm program.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

The county office staff is accepting nominations for candidates to serve on the Linn County Farm Service Agency committee for local administrative area (LAA) 1. LAA 1 is currently represented by Pamela Wilson, and includes Blue Mound, Mound City, Stanton, Sheridan township, and the South 3 miles of Potosi township. The nomination period closes *Wednesday, August 1*. Public meetings will be held at the Mound City USDA Service Center on Tuesday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday, July 19 at 4:00 p.m. to encourage agricultural producers to nominate eligible candidates, especially minorities and women, to serve on their local county committees and to vote this fall. For detailed information about FSA county committees or to obtain a nomination form (FSA-669A), visit the county office or go online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call your local FSA office and they will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed

### FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety equipment or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required. The interest rate for loans approved in June, 2007 is 4.625.

### POSSESSION OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED ON FEDERAL PROPERTY

USDA customers are reminded that Federal Law 18 USC Section 930 prohibits the possession, use, or threat of use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon on Federal facilities (owned or leased), including buildings and parking areas. The term "dangerous weapon" means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length. Beginning January 2007, under the Personal and Family Protection Act, qualified Kansans may be approved to carry concealed handguns. However, USDA customers are reminded that any weapon, including licensed concealed, is prohibited by Federal Law in Federal facilities and parking areas. Violations can result in fines or imprisonment, or both.

## IMPORTANT DATES

July 4 – Office Closed for Independence Day

August 3 – Last Day to Sign up for DCP Program (Annual Farm Program)

August 1 – Last Day to Report Corn, Milo, Soybeans, CRP, and All Other Land Uses

October – Final DCP Payments Issued, CRP Annual Rental Payments Issued

December 31 – Last Day to Sign Up for Quail Buffers

**LDP Reminder** - *If prices drop at harvest, be sure you have signed a CCC-633EZ, Page 1, prior to delivery of any grain that you will lose beneficial interest in upon delivery.* Page 2 of the form is the request for LDP payment, and is filed after harvest and generally will include a copy of your load summary sheets or other production evidence. Contact the office for more information about LDP's.